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## ***Jersey City Marks 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of “National Make A Difference Day” with Service Events throughout the city***

**JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy**, members of the **Municipal Council** and residents throughout the city will participate in the **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of National Make A Difference Day** on **Saturday, October 23, 2010**.

Activities ranging from Community Clean-ups and Food Drives to Entertaining Seniors and creating Public Art will be available to those who want to come out and show their community spirit by helping to Make A Difference in Jersey City.

“Any time you have neighbors helping neighbors, you build a stronger, safer and happier community,” said **Mayor Healy**. “There’s something for everyone who wants to volunteer and it really does remind us that we all bear the responsibility of stewardship for our blocks, our cities, or our neighborhoods – where ever we consider home.”

Begun in 1990 as a national day dedicated to helping others, Make A Difference Day is an annual event sponsored by *USA Weekend Magazine* on the fourth Saturday of every October. Volunteers can join a group project or come up with their own project, like spending the day at a soup kitchen or helping an elderly neighbor around the house. Those who can’t participate on Saturday for religious reasons can do their community service on Sunday.

Since last year, Make A Difference Day has grown in Jersey City, with as many as 12 hands-on events and activities planned citywide.

“It’s great to see such an out-pouring of community involvement and organization,” said **Mayor Healy**. “Being able to help others is one of life’s real satisfactions and sets a wonderful example for young people.”

After volunteering, participants will be provided entry forms, which they will complete and send to USA Weekend Magazine. Every April, hundreds of good deeds done on Make A Difference Day are selected for honors and charitable donations. Newman’s Own provides \$10,000 to the charities of each of ten selected national honorees.

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